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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM TUNISIAN-LIBYAN

MEDIATION EFFORT

- 1. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDJGN ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS, RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT EVENING APRIL 27 FOLLOWING VISITS TO TUNIS AND TRIPOLI WHERE HE TRIED TO MEDIATE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN TUNISIA AND LIBYA.
- 2. OULD DADDAH TOLD PRESS UPON RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT THAT HE FOUND "A CERTAIN INCOMPREHENSION" EXISTING BETWEEN THESE TWO BROTHER COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE VISITED BOTH COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTAINDING OF PROBLEM AND TO TRY IN WHATEVER MODEST WAY, BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CONFIDENCE SHOWN IN HIM BY PRESIDENTS BOQDGUIBA AND QADHAFI, "TO RECONCILE THE POINTS OF VIEW".
- 3. OULD DADDAH SAID HE IS CERTAIN THAT MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOURGUIBA WILL HAVE "POSITIVE RESULTS" FOR THE

MAGHREB, AFRICA, AND THE ARAB WORLD. HE UNDERLINED CLOSE AND FRATERNAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN TUNISIA AND MAURITANIA. ARTICLE ON OULD DADDAH RETURN IN APRIRF28 GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY CONCLUDED BY QUOTING MESSAGE OULD DADDAH SENT TO QADHAFI BEFORE LEAVING TRIPOLI. IN MESSAGE, OULD DADDAH COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON QADHIFI'S EFFORTS TO BUILD A SOCIETY "INSPIRED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR RELIGION AND AUTHENTICITY".

4. COMMENT: MEMBER OF MAURITANIAN DELEGATION THAT WENT TO TRIPOLI AND TUNIS PRIVATELY TOLD EXPATRIATE NEWSMAN UPON RETURN THAT OULD DADDAH MADE NO PROGRESS IN MEDIATING DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.HANDYSIDE

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